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Court expels Red Brigades trio

TURIN, May 24 (AP). — Red Brigades founders Renato Curcio, Paolo Maurizio Ferrari and Roberto Ognibene were today expelled from a Turin court after they quarreled with and threatened an Italian magistrate questioned as a witness. "Be sure we won't forget you," Ognibene shouted at witness Adolfo Beria d'Argente while being taken out of court during the 38th day of the trial against 15 Red Brigadiers charged with sedition. The defendants have frequently disrupted the court and loudly rejected its authority to try them.

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Prince Hassan holds Warsaw talks

WARSAW, May 23 (R). — Crown Prince Hassan held talks centering on trade with deputy head of state and senior Communist Party official Edward Babluch here last night, and was also received by head of state Henryk Jablonski. The official Polish News Agency PAP said the talks concluded that there were good opportunities for increasing trade and economic cooperation, as well as exchanges in science, culture, training and health cooperation. Trade last year was about \$10 million, a rise of two thirds on 1976. Poland exports machinery, chemicals and textiles and imports phosphates. Her Highness Princess Sarvath, accompanied by Mrs. Lidia Babluch, visited a new children's hospital just outside Warsaw, and the National Museum.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dinar; Great Britain 25 pence

Egyptian left's paper banned anew for "hostile articles"

CAIRO, May 24 (R). — Egyptian authorities today seized a weekly newspaper of a leftist party as they pressed on with President Anwar Sadat's campaign against opposition groups.

The latest issue of Al Ahali (the People) was seized because it contained "sensational and hostile articles," a pro-government paper said.

Mr. Sadat told editors and journalists yesterday that he had erred in allowing "rotten elements" created and nurtured by Moscow to enter Egyptian politics.

The seizure of Al Ahali, organ of the Unionist Progressive Party, followed the same action taken against the paper last week after it called for a "no" vote in Sunday's referendum which recorded a 98-per-cent popular approval of curbs on left and rightwing critics of the Sadat administration. The referendum also endorsed the banning of Communists from public life and a disciplining of the press.

Mr. Khaled Mohieddin, leader of the Unionist Progressive Party, appeared in court today to appeal against the seizure of Al Ahali.

Mr. Sadat had said the vote favouring his sweeping measures would show that "democratic behaviour should be bound by honesty and commitment to the principles of this country."

The Cairo court today supported the latest seizure of Al Ahali, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

MENA said the verdict declared that the paper contained articles aimed at stirring up public opinion and causing confusion among the people.

The paper also included stories casting doubts on the latest parliament by-elections in Alexandria and on the referendum procedures, the verdict said.

Syria told Palestinians not to clash with U.N.

BEIRUT, May 24 (R). — Syrian Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar was quoted here today as saying his country had warned Palestinian commandos against provoking clashes with U.N. troops in Lebanon.

In an interview with the weekly Lebanese magazine Al Sayad, Mr. Iskandar said Syria told U.N. Under-Secretary Roberto Goyer during a visit to Damascus last week that it supported the enforcement of the Security Council resolution on Lebanon.

The resolution called for Israel withdrawal from areas it invaded in March and the despatch of a U.N. force to see that the pullback was accomplished.

"We told the Palestinians that their continued provocations against U.N. troops wo-

uld mean that they were in collusion with Israel to give it a pretext not only to strike at Lebanon but to involve Syria as well," Mr. Iskandar said.

Meanwhile, police sources in Tyre said today that U.N. forces in southern Lebanon have pinpointed the only area in which guerrillas can penetrate their lines, and have now set up checkpoints there with Lebanese security forces.

This followed a new security plan introduced by the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) after a series of incidents earlier this month involving the infiltration of leftist guerrillas, police sources said.

The sources said the vulnerable area, which was not named, had been located with the cooperation of Lebanese gendarmes.

Fate of Cairo accord unrelated to UNIFIL mission, says Sarkis

BEIRUT, May 24 (R). — President Elias Sarkis said here today the government's eventual stand on the 1969 Cairo Lebanon-Palestinian agreement was not related to the U.N. forces' mission in southern Lebanon.

An official announcement said the Lebanese head of state made the remark at a meeting of the cabinet held under his chairmanship.

The announcement quoted the president as saying "the stand which the government may eventually take on the

Cairo agreement and the fate of the accord is one thing and the U.N. forces' implementation of Resolutions 425 and 426 in the south is another.

An agreement has developed recently over the question of whether the agreement, which regulates relations between the two sides and controls Palestinian armed presence, was in conflict with last March's U.N. Security Council resolutions, under which the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was set up, or

not.

Rightwing parties have been calling for the abrogation of the agreement and contend that the resolutions bar Palestinian armed presence in the southern part of the country bordering Israel.

Analysts have said there was a direct relation between increasing opposition criticism and the gradual slowing down of Middle East peace moves.

"In the field of development and construction, Jordan was able during the past years to defy the economic conditions imposed on it in the aftermath of the June, 1967 war. By its openness to the world and by ensuring security and stability for the people, Jordan has planned within various spheres of development and construction. Within a short time, therefore, Jordan won the trust of its people, it consolidated its independence by building up an economy based on sound planning and it gained the confidence of Arab and international economic organisations — a thing that opened the doors of investments in all field of economic development.

"On the Arab level, Jordan has been one of the most active countries for the realisation of Arab unity and solidarity. King Hussein's historic stand at the Rabat Arab summit greatly enhanced the principle of Arab solidarity. His Majesty, in that conference, declared that Jordan does not act out of personal ambition or love of domination but out of its belief in the oneness of the Arab cause. Jordan has always been ready for sacrifices in defence of this cause.

"In celebrating Independence and Army Day, Jordan faces the future with great confidence and hope, guided by intelligent leadership and well-studied scientific planning for continued development and construction."

Belgians stay for now in Zaire as Euro-African "police force" eyed

BRUSSELS, May 24 (R). — Belgium hinted today its 600 para-troops still in Zaire would remain there at least for some days.

The Defence Ministry published an address to which it said families of the soldiers, who flew to Zaire last Friday, could send letters.

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Mr. Tindemans later told a radio interviewer that he and President Mobutu had discussed the protection of foreigners working in African countries in the light of last week's rebel massacre of whites in Kolwezi.

In principle African states should bear the responsibility for protecting foreigners, and this could be done by a multinational security force, the premier declared.

The report said the possibility of another Arab-Israeli war, even in the long term, even one which Israel would win, raised the spectre of a tremendous loss of life. "It was likely to divide the nation from the religious sentiment, even in the breasts which contained both," the report said.

The knowledge that the strength of the Israeli armed forces can only buy one temporary respite after another, and probably at increasing cost, is a powerful argument for those members of Israeli society who maintain that peace is a long-term necessity even more important than the short-term necessity of maximum security," the report said.

butu thought of the idea, Mr. Tindemans replied: "He didn't say no, but he immediately developed his own ideas."

Mr. Tindemans noted that it would take time for a Euro-African force to take shape and meanwhile "other formulae" could send letters,

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Israelis polled on peace policy

TEL AVIV, May 24 (R). — Some 76 per cent of Israelis support Prime Minister Menachem Begin's policy for "achieving peace with the Arab countries," according to a public opinion poll published here today. The poll, carried out by the Hebrew University's Social Research Department and published in the opposition Labour Party daily Davar also said 78 per cent thought there was a chance for early renewal of peace talks with Egypt, broken off earlier this year. While 50 per cent of those polled described Israeli-U.S. relations as positive, 62 per cent said they did not trust President Jimmy Carter's policies.

Asked what President Mo-

has must be considered." Officials here were silent on what they discussed but in Paris reliable sources said they had a very cordial meeting.

They agreed to forget a number of things said in the past few days and turn over a new leaf, the Paris sources said.

Meanwhile, the French Defence Ministry said in Paris today that two more French Legionnaires have died in fighting with rebels in southern Zaire. Their deaths brought the number of Legion paratroopers killed in the Zaire operations since last week to four.

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Five Palestinian groups demand change in PLO leadership

BEIRUT, May 24 (R). — Five Palestinian guerrilla organisations have challenged Mr. Yasser Arafat's leadership of the Palestinian movement by demanding a new leadership for the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The demand came in a statement drafted jointly by the four-member rejection front and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP).

Presented to Fatah last week and made public today, the joint statement indirectly accused Mr. Arafat of autocratic rule — a major sin in an organisation which takes pride in its democratic practice.

The statement did not mention the Mr. Arafat by name but the meaning of the statement was clear.

"This is directly aimed against Arafat," said a PLO official. "And it could be the most serious challenge to his position since he was elected PLO Executive Committee chairman in 1969."

Analysts in Beirut said the statement reflected the growing influence of Palestinian "hawks" critical of "moderate" leaders such as Mr. Arafat.

The statement followed an acrimonious row last month within Fatah — the biggest group under the umbrella of the PLO — over Mr. Arafat's orders to his troops in Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon to observe a cease-fire.

But some commando officials in Beirut said the statement could serve to jolt the 48-year-old commando leader — regarded as a master in the art of crisis management — into adopting a political line closer to the rejection front.

Led by Dr. Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the rejection front embraces three other groups — the Palestine Popular Struggle Front, the Arab Liberation Front and the Palestine Liberation Front.

The rejection front opposes a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict under the present balance of power in the area.

"We propose that the general secretaries of all resistance groups, representatives of the Fatah Central Committee and other nationalist elements should form the leadership of the Palestinian revolution and that this body should be entitled to take political decisions," the statement said.

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Sunday followed by another Knesset debate on Mideast peace.

Mr. Dayan said the paper was returned to Egypt with the explanation that "not even the Americans would suggest to Israel that it accept the proposals for a basis for negotiations."

Later, in his address, Mr. Dayan indicated one reply in the Egyptian paper that President Sadat "is not willing to sign a separate agreement" with Israel. He said Mr. Sadat's position remained "extreme," insisting on total Israeli evacuation of territories captured in 1967 and self-determination for the Palestinians, including the possibility of a Palestinian state. Israel has rejected these demands.

Premier Begin's Likud coalition mustered 66 votes against 32 to reject the no-confidence motion by the two-member leftist Shelli Party. Its leader Arye Eliav had said the government was trying to silence opposition in the country and to convert the Knesset into a mere puppet show where nothing serious was discussed.

Dayan: Israel rejected new Egyptian proposals

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 24 (Agencies). — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan today disclosed that Egypt had submitted a document to the United States for restarting stalled peace negotiations, but the paper had been returned to Cairo by Washington as unacceptable.

Mr. Dayan spoke in the Knesset after the government easily defeated a no-confidence motion submitted over such diverse issues as television news reporting and the U.S. package sale of warplanes in the Middle East.

Mr. Dayan did not reveal details of the Egyptian document, but said it was in reply to a list of Israeli questions designed to overcome the stalemate in Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

Among the questions was whether President Anwar Sadat was prepared to negotiate a comprehensive peace agreement for the other Arab countries or to sign a separate peace with Israel.

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Chairman and President of the Board of Middle East Airlines reports substantial profits

Mr. Asad Y. Nasr, Chairman and President of the Board of Middle East Airlines, says in his annual statement to shareholders that 1977 will long be remembered as one of the most momentous in the airline's history.

"It was the year during which MEA demonstrated its exceptional vitality by making a complete recovery after the nearly total disruption of its scheduled operations in the second half of 1976," he said. "And it was the year when MEA returned to substantial profits, to the extent of eliminating what remained of the losses of the two years of Lebanese disturbances. The 1977 profits were more than 20 million Lebanese pounds and were achieved after repayment to the employees of all their contributions from salaries during 1975 and 1976 and after major cost-of-living adjustments and other improvements to their benefits and privileges," he said.

Mr. Nasr went on: "Perhaps the most remarkable achievement of 1977 is the fact that practically all the employees came back to work and joined hands in harmony and dedication and with disregard of any of the tensions that persisted."

He said that MEA was very much concerned with the numerous and major problems that lie ahead. Many were general to the industry such as increasing regulations and restrictions uncontrollable cost spirals, the introduction of new types of aircraft with reduced noise and improved fuel consumption. There were also problems special to MEA within the context of the situation in Lebanon and in the Middle East region as a whole.

"We have demonstrated many times in the past," Mr. Nasr said, "that we are able to handle the challenges we face, and I am confident that we shall demonstrate in 1978, and the years beyond, these special qualities of dedication and resilience."

He identified as special objectives for 1978:

(a) Externally, increased responsiveness to the travelling public and the authorities in Lebanon and in the various countries which MEA serves.

(b) Internally, the highest concentration on improved and more efficient systems and procedures so that higher productivity will compensate for inflation and enable MEA to improve the rewards to employees and shareholders.

Mr. Nasr paid tribute to Sheikh Najib Alzamuddin following his resignation for personal and family reasons. His superb performance vision and devoted services to MEA Chairman and advisor to the Board.

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Healthy Arabs, efficient trains

The controversy of whether specialised international organisations such as the International Labour Organisation or the World Health Organisation should get involved with questions of a "political" colouring has been sparked again this week with the World Health Organisation's vote condemning Israel's inhuman treatment of Arab citizens living under Israeli occupation. The Israeli delegation criticised a WHO fact-finding report of health matters under Israeli occupation as a "basically political document", and, predictably enough, most of the Western delegates got up and danced the Basically Political Tango.

The Israeli delegate wanted the WHO mission to note the many improvements Israel had made in the health services of the occupied territories, which is a pretty sickening approach if it is swallowed hook, line and sinker by the Western world -- the same world that correctly threw out the same sort of twisted intellectual approach to the same kind of situation when Hitler and Mussolini claimed they made the trains run on time.

The Israelis, no doubt, with their jumbo dose of gall, will ask the WHO to pass a resolution praising Israel for bringing band-aids to the little children of south Lebanon, in a home-delivery service unsurpassed in the annals of Middle East history.

The Israeli tactics of labelling everything a "political" question beyond the concern of WHO or other specialised organisations is an approach that has a lifespan of somewhere around a decade, and we are now in the 11th year of occupation in the West Bank and Gaza. It is not only what the Israelis do in the West Bank that is repugnant, it is the very fact that they are there as occupiers -- and that they do not appear willing to leave -- that arouses the opposition of the entire world. For them to talk about improving health services -- or making the trains run on time -- is a rather pathetic performance. They should not be so surprised when the world decides to remind them of this, at a WHO conference or anywhere else.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Commenting on Israel's "policy of procrastination" on withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories AL RAY said Wednesday that according to sources at the Israeli Foreign Ministry, Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government may this week start debating its awaited reply to Washington's question on how Tel Aviv envisages the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip after the five-year interim period of rule proposed by Mr. Begin to President Anwar Sadat of Egypt.

The newspaper asks these questions: "Why does Israel insist on an interim five-year period self-rule for the West Bank and Gaza Strip? Why does Israel insist on its continued confiscation of Arab lands and on 'planting' Jewish settlements there? Does this not mean giving Israel another five years in which to change the geographic and demographic features of the Arab territories, in other words, to Judaize and annex them in the course of this period so that it will not be difficult to predetermine the results of the plebiscite on self-determination after the five-year period?"

The most painful thing for every loyal Arab is that the process of Judaisation and annexation has been continuing for the last 11 years and that the Israeli government is now demanding another five years to complete the task and to face the Arabs with a fait accompli imposed by agreements or by the force of arms while the Arabs fail to agree on a unified stand to confront this naked conspiracy, Al Ray says.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of lithographs and gouaches by French artist Jean Miotti. The exhibition is on display daily until Wednesday, May 31.

Army Day Exhibit

On the occasion of Army Day and Independence Day, the Jordanian Armed Forces are presenting a two-day exhibit of war material, starting today. The exhibit is on display in Amman at the Martyrs' Monument. Similar exhibitions are taking place in major towns in Jordan.

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Archaeologists find remains of oldest yet encountered settlement at Tell Deir 'Alla

This is the first of a two-part series on recent excavation work at two archaeological sites in the Jordan Valley. Today's article deals with Tell Deir 'Alla.

By Susan Balderstone

Beneath the many bare earth mounds which dot the Jordan Valley, rising conspicuously bald among the verdant, irrigated fields, lie thousands of years of Jordan's history. These man-made mounds, called 'tells' in many languages, are the deposits of ancient civilizations.

As various groups of people through the ages built upon the same spot, either after destruction of the previous settlement or coming across it after a period of disuse, layers of occupation mounted. Each layer contains the bones, artifacts and structures of the people who formed it.

Archaeologists therefore, by carefully digging and recording in minute detail every facet of each layer as they come to it, are able to trace the nature and period of occupation relating to it.

The work currently proceeding on two of these tells by archaeologists is described in the following two articles. First is Tell Deir 'Alla (meaning 'monastery' or 'house of the god'), located just west of the main north-south Jordanian road, north of the present day market town of Deir 'Alla. The second is the nearby Tell Mazar, a few kilometres north-west of Deir 'Alla.

At each of these sites was the fascinating work of delving back 4000 or more years into the history of the tell is being carried out by teams of enthusiastic archaeologists and workers.

Tell Deir Alla

Recent excavations at Tell Deir 'Alla have uncovered remains of a settlement which is the oldest yet encountered in the 4000-year-long history of the tell. Dating from the Middle Bronze Age (1950-1550 B.C.) the structures so far exposed have several architectural features of a defensive character, indicating perhaps a military installation.

Led by co-directors Dr. Moawiyah Ibrahim of the De-

partment of Antiquities and Dr. H.J. Franken of Lieden, Holland, the current excavation programme has had two seasons, one in 1976 and the recent one which ended in March this year. Earlier excavations carried out by Dr. Franken since 1960 uncovered a Late Bronze Age temple dating from the 16th century B.C., which until the last two seasons denoted the earliest occupation known at the site.

The newly discovered Middle Bronze structures comprise well-built mud brick walls up to 1.5 metres thick and standing 2 to 2.5 metres high. There is also evidence of an earth bank similar to the glacis (slope running down from a fortification) construction used on many sites in Jordan during the Middle Bronze period.

The walls are built in two rows of mud brick on a stone foundation forming almost rectangular rooms in a symmetrical arrangement. Dr. Ibrahim suggests that the small amount of pottery found in these rooms indicates that this was not a domestic building. Further evidence of other than domestic use was a stone-lined pit discovered in one of the rooms which contained bronze tools and weapons. This suggests a defensive building with military associations," said Dr. Ibrahim.

Among the pottery that was found is some of the very fine white pottery typical of the Middle Bronze period, and highly burnished black juglets similar to those found at a Hyksos site in Egypt, known as Tell Al Yahudieh, were

Many objects with inscriptions were found during this year's season. Among these was a scaraboid seal with Aramaic script, dating from the 8th century B.C. This has a row of two birds and an as yet unidentified figure between two lines of writing. Perhaps the most exciting is an inscribed pottery bowl found in a layer narrowly related to the one in which a 7th century B.C. text was found in 1967. This inscription is being studied and translated by Prof. J. Hoffijzer of the Uni-

The horse-head figurine. 7th - 6th century B.C.

versity of Lieden. From his preliminary examination he concludes that the text on the pot is probably Aramaic also. Some interesting cult objects were also found in this area, in the same context as the Aramaic texts. Included among these is a shell-shaped spoon with handle made of soapstone. These together with the text found in 1967 indicate that this was a sanctuary area dating from the late 8th century B.C.

Why it should be Tell Deir 'Alla and not Tell Mazar, or Tell Sayidieh or Tell Khisas (which also means booths), is not clear. Except for the tradition of there being a sanctuary at the site since ancient times, there is nothing to particularly relate it to the Biblical story. However if the link is correct, the recent discovery of Middle Bronze Age structures shows that the site was occupied 500-600 years before Jacob arrived there.

Between Succoth and Zarethan (according to the Franciscan Fathers, Zarethan is to be identified with Tell Sayidieh) were the foundries where the legendary vessels and capitals for Solomon's Temple are believed to have been cast by Hiram of Tyre. Solomon's master coppersmith.

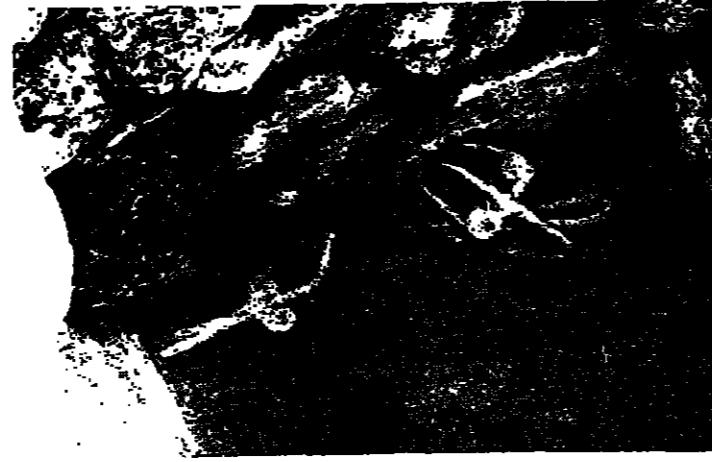
Lumps of slag picked up around the site of Deir 'Alla seem to substantiate this belief. However Dr. Ibrahim said that no evidence of metallurgical work has been found during the last two seasons of excavation at the site.

The current programme of excavations at Tell Deir 'Alla is being funded by the Jordanian Department of Antiquities, The Dutch Organisation for Pure Scientific Research and the University of Lieden, Holland. The excavating team is a similar example of international co-operation, including six Dutch, one Australian, and eight Jordanians.

Tomorrow: Tell Mazar



Part of a Middle Bronze Age pot.



The stone-lined pit in one of the Middle Bronze Age rooms with bronze tools.

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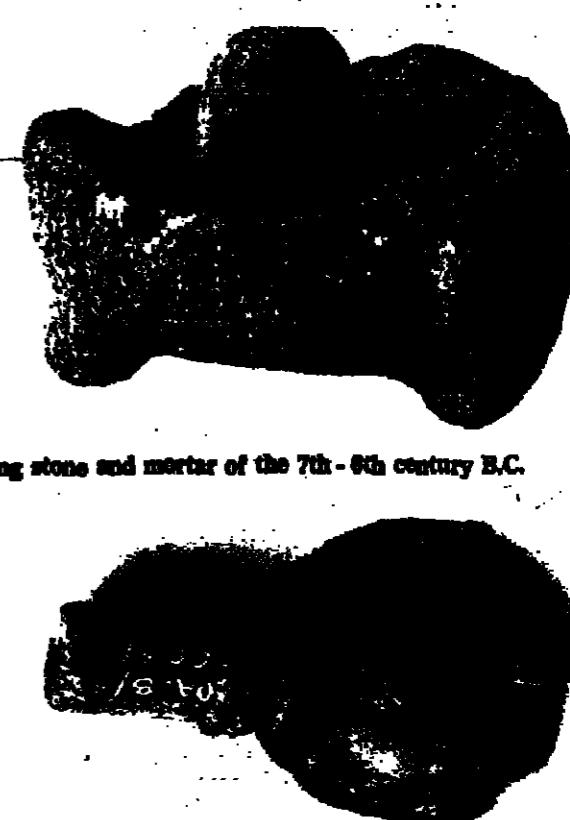
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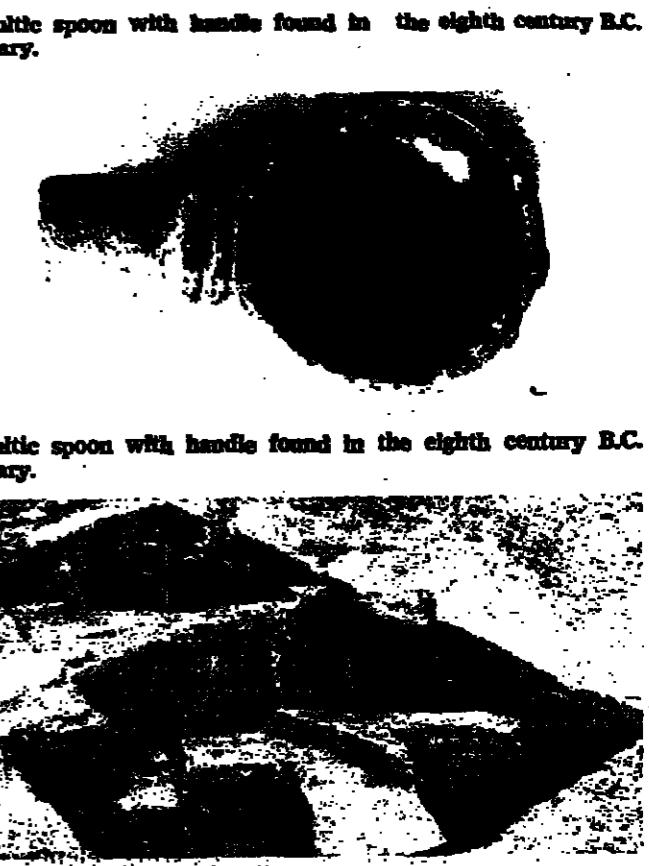
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As trading on stock exchange hits \$2.5m. a month, officials eye freer investments from Gulf

AMMAN, May 24 (AP). — After a modest start trading on the new Amman Stock Exchange has increased fivefold since January to reach a monthly turnover of nearly \$2.5 million ad 500,000 shares.

"Frankly, we did not expect such transactions in the first weeks of operation," Dr. Hisham Sabbagh, the director general of the Arab World's newest stock exchange declared.

But growth has been steady,

rising from a total trade of 162,480 shares in January to 470,169 in April. In money terms this represents an increase from half a million dollars to just under \$2.5 million.

Trading is conducted by seven brokerage firms, picked by the administrative committee of the exchange out of 13 applicants — all of them Jordanian companies.

Reliable business sources said that a number of Jordanians are about to form another bro-

kerage house in partnership with the giant U.S. firm of Merrill Lynch.

Dr. Sabbagh said the exchange is authorised to trade in the shares of Jordanian public companies with a paid up capital exceeding JD 100,000.

There are 62 such companies in Jordan with capital totalling just under JD 111 million. These are owned by 170,367 shareholders holding a total of nearly 65 million shares.

All companies whose stock is listed in the exchange are required to pay an annual fee of two per ten thousand of their declared capital, up to a maximum of JD 1,500, with a minimum fee of JD 50 dinars.

Brokerage fees range from 0.1 per cent for deals of more than JD 40,000 to one per cent for deals of less than JD 10,000.

Most, if not all the trading, is confined to Jordanian citizens. Under the law foreigners living here may invest in Jordanian companies only after approval from the Cabinet.

This is a protracted procedure likely to preclude any speculative share buying by foreigners.

The stock exchange authorities are seeking an amendment to the law to enable non-Jordanian Arab citizens to invest freely in Jordanian companies through the exchange.

This is seen as a clear move to attract investors from the oil-producing Middle East states, a development that could stimulate trading on the exchange more than anything else, local businessmen believe.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

As of Friday, May 26, the Jordan Times will start running a weekly version of "WHAT'S GOING ON". This will feature a rundown of cultural, social and sporting events in Jordan on a weekly basis. The section will appear each Friday and contain a listing of events for the week ahead.

We invite all clubs, societies, cultural centres and schools to inform us of their activities, exhibitions, meetings and outings that are open to the public. Help us help you to publicise your public events: charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, art, photo or commercial exhibitions, theatrical performances, films, lectures and sporting events.

Be sure to inform us of your activities in plenty of time for these items to be published in the weekly listing.

The Jordan Times will also continue to publish daily notices of events under the WHAT'S GOING ON section each day as well as the weekly listing.

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Amman, Jordan.

B. Only those firms that can prove technical qualification and financial capability to accomplish this scope of work will be considered.

C. Bids should be submitted in three copies, each in a closed envelope, sealed with red wax, and its covers labelled with the words "Bid for The Outside Plant Main Feeder and Distribution Systems for the city of Amman, Jordan. Tender No. TCC 5/78 original, 1st copy, and 2nd copy."

Note no. (1): Any stipulation concerning financial and legal matters must not be combined with the technical offer, but must be stipulated in the financial offer which should constitute a separate chapter or even separate volume.

Note no. (2): All quotations must be in Jordan Dinars or U.S. Dollars, offers presented in any other currency will be rejected.

D. The latest date for submission of proposals to the Telecommunications Corporation headquarters in Amman is:

14:00 hours, Sept. 20, 1978.

E. The tender documents consist of the following materials:

1. Instructions to bidders
2. Terms and conditions
3. Statement of work
4. Technical specifications (including binder labelled "TASK II volume 1")
5. Tender drawings
6. Material and tool lists.

F. All bidders will be required to post a bid bond in the amount of 5 per cent of the bid value in Jordan Dinars, issued from a Jordanian Bank, concurrent with the proposal.

G. Any subsequent amendments will automatically be forwarded to purchasers of the tender documents.

Eng.: Moh'd Shahid Ismail:
Director General
Telecommunication Corporation
Tender Committee
Amman — Jordan

Coming & Going...

High-ranking Syrian govt. officials arrive

AMMAN, May 24 (JNA). — A delegation from the Syrian People's Council arrived today from Damascus. The three-man group consists of council member Rafiq 'Arrouns, Coun. Secy. General Ismail Hilal and Director of the Office of the President of the Council Issa 'Arrouns. They were received soon after their arrival by Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhouni.

Labour under-secretary off to Geneva UNCTAD meet

AMMAN, May 24 (JNA). — Under-secretary of the Ministry of Labour Dr. Jawad Al 'Anani left for Geneva yesterday to take part in the two-week session of the United Nations Conference on Trade And Development (UNCTAD) due to start today. The conference will work out a special study on the brain drain in the light of a proposal by Crown Prince Hassan during the 63rd session of the World Labour Conference held in Geneva last June, Mr. 'Anani said. As Mr. 'Anani will also be working as an expert with UNCTAD to prepare a report on the subject to the U.N. secretary general.

AMMAN, May 24 (JNA). — Finance Minister Mohammad Dabbas today returned home with Jordan's delegation from a seven-day visit to Libya and during which an agreement on technical and economic cooperation was signed with the Libyan government.

Israel bows to protests, once again honours Arab powers of attorney in land transactions

TEL AVIV, May 24 (Agencies) — Arabs on the occupied West Bank today resumed trading in land on behalf of absentees relatives following denials that Israel planned to seize the land for new Jewish settlements.

Official government sources had said such steps were being considered. But yesterday they retracted their statements.

West Bank residents who had complained that land transactions were being blocked suddenly found their power of attorney documents being once more accepted by Israeli occupation authorities.

The land dispute came to a head earlier this week with accusations that the Israeli government was planning to seize private property owned by Arabs living abroad and use it for construction of six large towns.

After fierce controversy in the Israeli press, the government said it had no intention of seizing private land. Officials said delaying accepting power of attorney documents was due to fear of forgery.

At the beginning of the week, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, a fervent advocate of mass Jewish settlement, issued a separate denial saying that land deals in the West Bank had nothing to do with his department and that any land regulations were up to the Ministry of Defence.

The West Bank protesters were led by Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem. He said he had been told on April 12 that no more land deals on behalf of absentee property.

Mr. Freij told reporters: "This morning the land deals were going through again. This is good."

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A "Senior source" in the Defence Ministry was quoted in the rightwing Yediot Aharonot as saying there would be an investigation to see whether the West Bank Custodian of Absentee Property had overstepped his instructions by invalidating powers of attorney for the past few months.

With these documents no longer honoured, the Arabs feared that more than 100,000 acres owned by foreign residents would fall under control of the custodian of Absentee Property.

Up to now this has not applied to Arabs moving to other parts of the world. Large numbers of Arabs with homes in the West Bank, particularly around Bethlehem and Ramallah, live in North and South America and in Europe. Until recently there had been no restraint on relatives conducting land deals by proxy.

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Flurrying clouds of colour, sweeping gestures express "inner world" of Jean Miotte, at French centre exhibit



'Icare'

Miotte
Milano

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 24 — Jean Miotte, who has an exhibition of lithographs and gouaches showing this week at the French Cultural Centre, is not interested in objects but in gesture.

The works themselves are

full of gesture -- French gestication, one is tempted to say -- with which the artist seeks "to give expression to the world that one carries in oneself", one's inner tensions.

Born in Paris in 1926, M. Miotte is of Flemish extraction and this may explain his preference for the works of Frans Hals and the painters

of the north. He has also been very influenced by the American action painters, whose work he admires for its directness. But in fact the pictures which he has on show seem as much Japanese as anything else, with their bold black brush strokes and flurrying clouds of colour. Some are perhaps a little over burdened with black, but there are others which remain delicate and fresh.

M. Miotte attempts to deal directly with impulses and ideas. He dislikes classical art and impressionism with its "sentimentality of the anecdote", as he puts it. Through his abstract paintings, M. Miotte believes that he can express contradictory ideas side by side -- happiness and chaos, gentleness and violence, wounds and pleasures.

"The painter should express his inner disruption and his dreams without recourse to a set of rules", M. Miotte declares.

The exhibition is on show until May 31, except for Thursday and Friday. Some of the works are for sale.



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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A higher-up will be a bit peevish today, but it's of short duration, so keep smiling. Exercise extreme caution in motion.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You are interested in new ventures now but it is best to finish whatever you have started. Be wary of a troublemaker.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have many duties that require careful attention now so get an early start and improve business affairs. Be practical.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Don't take an associate to task or an unpleasant argument could start. Show that you are a good citizen.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Don't resent doing an extra share of the workload or your personal progress could be stymied. Harmony brings advancement.

VIKING (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't take any foolish chances that you could later regret. Contact influential persons who could be of assistance to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The situation at home could be tense, so be sure you remain calm. Come to a better understanding with loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have to be most careful in motion today to avoid a possible accident. A thoughtless word could bring trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure to keep a cash reserve in case of any emergency in the near future. Take need health treatments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be more controlled and don't criticize closest ties, but be helpful instead. Put business affairs in better order.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure to handle personal affairs in a most correct manner now. Make plans to engage in favorite hobby with congenials.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Keep busy at practical affairs and forget the social at this time. Study business conditions and take steps to improve them.

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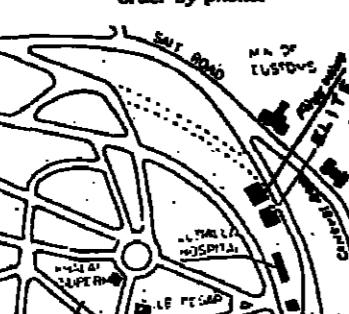
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OPEC coordinates role in world monetary bodies

VIENNA, May 24 (R) — Finance ministers from major oil producing countries, mindful of falling revenues because of the declining U.S. dollar, yesterday coordinated their increasingly powerful role in world monetary bodies dominated by the U.S. currency.

A statement issued after a one-day ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said the 13 member states discussed the need to step up representation of developing countries in the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The IMF, acknowledging OPEC's growing influence in world markets, last month included the Saudi Arabian and Iranian currencies in the makeup of its internal accounting unit the special drawing right (SDR).

The value of the SDR is determined by weighting a basket of 16 currencies in terms of their share of world trade.

The statement said the ministers also reviewed payments from the OPEC Special

Fund — set up to help poor countries hit by rising oil bills — and reiterated OPEC's support for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), which is designed to finance farming projects in developing countries.

Some OPEC member states have been pressing for the dollar to be abandoned as the basis for OPEC oil trade in favour of the SDR or a basket of major currencies.

But Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest oil producer, has argued against a switch from the dollar, arguing that a change would spark off a new round of uncertainty on international money markets.

However the dollar issue is expected to dominate an oil price fixing conference of OPEC oil ministers scheduled to take place in Geneva next month.

The ministers agreed to hold their next bi-annual meeting in Washington on September 25. Previous meetings of this kind have been staged here at OPEC headquarters.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling ...	1.8121/26	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.1295/1310	West German marks
	2.2740/60	Dutch guilders
	1.9685/9700	Swiss francs
	33.18/21	Belgian francs
	4.6885/6715	French francs
	871/85/872.15	Italian lire
	228.35/50	Japanese yen
	4.6820/40	Swedish crowns
	5.4760/80	Norwegian crowns
	5.7230/50	Danish crowns.

AMERICAN LEAGUE :

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Oakland A's lose manager then lose 3-2 to Milwaukee Brewers

NEW YORK, May 24 (AP) — The Oakland A's lost their manager, Bobby Winkles, late yesterday, when lost 3-2 to the Milwaukee Brewers in a night game.

Mr. Winkles quit only a few hours before the team took the field, Jack McKeon, who had been fired by A's owner Charles O. Finley last June 10 and had been third base coach this year, took over as manager.

In an A.L. two-night twinbill, Seattle beat Kansas City 4-3 in the opener, then the Royals rebounded 5-3.

In early National League action, New York ripped Pittsburgh 7-3, Atlanta stopped Cincinnati 8-4, Montreal beat St. Louis 4-1, San Diego edged Los Angeles 3-2 and San Francisco beat Houston 3-2, Philadelphia at Chicago was rained out.

Rick Bosetti's one-out single in the 12th inning gave the Blue Jays their victory over Boston, Mike Flanagan of Baltimore allowed two hits and rode Rick Dempsey's fifth-in-

ning home run past Detroit.

Ron Guidry fired a five-hitter and Graig Nettles and Chris Chambliss homered in the Yankees' romp. Minnesota's Glenn Borgmann drove in two runs with a homer and a single against Texas. Pinch-hitter Ken Landreaux's sixth-inning single drove in Callorme's winning run against the White Sox.

Lee Stanton and Ruppert Jones hit successive run-scoring doubles in the sixth inning to lead the Mariners past Kansas City in their opener, then Clint Huddle drove in three runs in the Royal's nightcap victory. Atlanta rookie Preston Hanna survived a 1 hour, 13 minute rain delay and solo home runs by Johnny Bench and Mike Lum to beat the Reds. Warren Cromartie's sacrifice fly capped Montreal's two-run burst in the sixth which handed the Cards their 11th straight setback. Bill Madlock hit a two-out RBI single to cap a three-run ninth that carried San Francisco past the Astros.

U.S. raises

\$54m through gold sale

WASHINGTON, May 24 (R) — The United States raised \$54 million towards improving its trade balance when it held its first gold auction in almost three years.

The money was earned yesterday when the treasury sold 300,000 ounces of gold in the first of at least six auctions planned to convince world opinion the U.S. is serious about reducing its trade deficit, which reached \$26.7 billion last year.

The gold was auctioned at prices ranging from \$180.38 to \$182.35 and, in reaction, the prices in London and New York jumped to close at \$80.20 and \$181.50 respectively. At noon yesterday, gold had sold for \$179.75 on the London Market.

Proceeds from the six monthly auctions are expected to amount to about \$300 million. While officials admit this amount would do little to cut the massive trade imbalance, the auction is viewed in financial circles as a symbolic move by Washington to indicate it was serious about taking measures to cut the deficit.

Major league baseball results and standings after Tuesday's games:

NATIONAL LEAGUE :

EAST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	—
Chicago	19	17	.528	1
Montreal	20	19	.513	1
New York	19	22	.463	3
Pittsburgh	17	21	.447	3 1/2
St. Louis	14	26	.350	7 1/2

WEST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	24	14	.632	—
Los Angeles	24	16	.600	1
Cincinnati	25	17	.595	1
Houston	18	19	.486	5 1/2
San Diego	18	22	.450	7
Atlanta	15	23	.395	9

Tuesday's games :

Philadelphia at Chicago, postponed, rain

New York 7, Pittsburgh 3

Atlanta 6, Cincinnati 4

Montreal 4, St. Louis 1

San Diego 3, Los Angeles 2

San Francisco 3, Houston 2

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Philadelphia	at Chicago, postponed, rain
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Atlanta	6, Cincinnati 4
Montreal	4, St. Louis 1
San Diego	3, Los Angeles 2
San Francisco	3, Houston 2

AMERICAN LEAGUE :

EAST:

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Detroit	23	13	.639	—
Boston	26	15	.636	—
New York	24	14	.632	1 1/2
Milwaukee	19	19	.500	5 1/2
Cleveland	18	20	.474	6 1/2
Baltimore	17	21	.447	7 1/2
Toronto	15	24	.385	10

WEST:

WEST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	24	16</		

Waldheim suggests

\$1m should go toward disarmament for every \$1b spent on arms

UNITED NATIONS, May 24 (R). — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim proposed last night that \$1 million should be used to promote international disarmament for every \$1 billion spent on arms. He also recommended the appointment of a special board of eminent people to study the whole field of arms control and disarmament.

Addressing the General Assembly on the first day of a five-week special session on the disarmament question, Mr. Waldheim called for an unprecedented rallying of talents and resources to meet the challenge.

It was a vital undertaking, because the consequences of inaction could be global catastrophe, the secretary-general said.

Mr. Waldheim described the special session, 17 years in the making, as the largest, most representative meeting ever convened to consider disarmament.

"This session must, first of all, be devoted to the search for a common understanding of the options with which we are faced and to the drafting of an action programme that finds widest international acceptance," he continued.

If all efforts were to converge towards a common goal, principles and priorities must be outlined and long-term good developed. Although the special role and responsibili-

Brzezinski arrives in S. Korea

SEOUL, May 24 (R). — President Carter's National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, arrived here from Tokyo today for an overnight stop to brief the South Korean government on his talks with Chinese leaders.

He is also expected to discuss bilateral matters, including the planned withdrawal of U.S. ground troops from South Korea.

French plane is forced to land in Algiers

ALGIERS, May 24 (R). — A French civilian airliner on a regular flight to Chad and the Congo was forced to land at Algiers Airport Tuesday night, airport sources said yesterday.

The plane, a DC-8 of the independent UTAl company, was allowed to continue its flight after an examination of identity documents and the passenger list, the officials said.

There was no official confirmation of the Algerian action and the French Embassy was not informed about it. But the action was believed to reflect Algeria's disapproval of France's military support to Chad, which is fighting a Libyan-backed rebellion, and of the latest Belgian-French intervention in Zaïre.

At the weekend, a Belgian plane flying European refugees from the embattled southern Zaïre town of Kolwezi was forced to land in Algiers.

The government news agency Algérie Presse Service later said that Algeria, at the request of French, Belgian and Italian governments, had allowed civilian planes to overfly its territory for humanitarian reasons.

But the sources said Algeria at the same time insisted that all the planes should land in Algiers for checking. The sources said Belgian planes decided to bypass Algeria rather than submit to the demand.

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Cargo ships may return to the sail as oil price rises

By Ronald Cocking

LONDON, (F.T.) — The soaring cost of petroleum products has forced the world's researchers to take a new look at wind power as an energy source. One result has been that within a few years the old cargo-carrying windjammer may once again begin ploughing through the Seven Seas.

Worldwide, ordinary bunker fuel now costs from \$90 to \$101 per metric ton, while diesel oil averages around \$133.

A typical small container ship of the latest design, carrying 2,000 tons of cargo at 11 knots, will burn about eight tons of diesel oil per day at a cost of about \$1,100. This alone is four times the cost of crew wages and overheads, and makes the vessel totally uneconomical except for short sea voyages.

Dynaship

Foreseeing the coming energy crunch over 30 years ago, the University of Hamburg's Institute of Shipbuilding has been working steadily on a new design of sailing ship ever since. After patient testing of various models in both wind tunnel and in test tanks, a commercial design was finished, called the Dynaship.

The blueprints call for a vessel of 17,000 deadweight tons. Six masts are mounted on turntables, with elliptical yard arms mounted rigidly on the masts. The sails are trimmed by rotating the entire mast, with the best sail trim being calculated by mini-computer.

To weather a gale, the sails would be "feathered" in the same way that a disabled aircraft engine propeller can have its blades set to produce no drag. Alternatively, the sails could be rolled up out of harm's way. But unlike the days of the Yankee Clippers and the Cutty Sark, no seamen would have to scramble aloft to do the job.

Instead, a diesel-electric ge-

nerator would drive an electric winch which would furl and set sails at the touch of a button.

The auxiliary power unit would also give the twentieth century windjammer a big advantage over its earliest counterparts. In the event of becoming becalmed they would allow the ship to move at 8 knots fully loaded. In olden days, ships running short of water after several weeks in the Doldrums sometimes resorted to the desperate measure of putting a cutter over the side and crowsnest would try to pull the ship towards the trade winds.

Computer charting

The Dynaship would have another advantage in this regard. Being equipped with the latest electronic aids, including a facsimile machine which prints out weather charts every few hours, courses could be plotted in advance to take the best advantage of available winds. In the North Atlantic, for example, a ship's entire course could be pre-computed before leaving harbour in the same way that airline navigation is conducted.

The Dynaship would have a crew of 28, about the same as that of a modern automated motor vessel of comparable size, but fuel costs for the auxiliary machinery would be almost negligible.

The German researchers claim that the Dynaship could average 12 knots on a voyage between New Hampshire and Hamburg, and that it could carry grain cargoes more cheaply than a powered vessel.

An independent study carried out by Captain S. A. Azad, a senior lecturer in the Department of Marine Studies at

in 1975, and the moderate rises in energy costs have certainly taken place since then.

One British firm which has no doubts about the future of sail is Windrose Ltd. It is promoting a design for a five-masted barque, produced by International Sailmakers, which looks for all the world like a 19th century windjammer.

With a cargo capacity of 12,000 tons, the Windrose vessel too would have auxiliary power, and could be made available in container-carrying, bulk cargo or general cargo versions.

U.S. study

The United States, the world's greatest energy consumer, took a new look at the possibility of using sailing ships four years ago, with much of its research based on the German studies.

Funded by the U.S. Maritime Administration, a University of Michigan study

examined a wide range of designs of up to 45,000 tons, working on a number of hypothetical routes.

The study uses a tripod mast similar to that of the Dynaship but with curved yard arms. The ships would have a crew of 28 and a speed of six knots using auxiliary power.

On a typical run between New York and Liverpool, the U.S. study came up with a speed of 9.2 knots for a 15,000-tonner, but this did not take into account the possibility of weather routing. This compared with a speed of 11 knots produced by Captain Azad's study of the Dynaship.

Capt. Azad based his calculations on a variety of theoretical voyages, using meteorological weather charts for different seasons of the year.

The Michigan report, however, concluded that sail-power was not, in the near future, an economically feasible alternative for American-built and crewed cargo vessels.

But, it added, sail-power was on an economically close equal footing with oil-powered that moderate changes in energy costs could make it a viable proposition.

That report was concluded

Shah has no objection with Soviet Union buying oil from OPEC

CHICAGO, May 24 (R). — The Shah of Iran said in an interview published today he had no objection to the Soviet Union buying oil from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The Shah was quoted in the Chicago Tribune as saying the Soviet Union was interested in buying oil from OPEC, but probably would not make large purchases before 1981.

"If they are good customers, why should we refrain?" the Iranian leader said in the interview. "Anyway, you can't really prevent other people from living."

On other subjects, the Shah said oil might be used as an economic weapon to force Israel into more flexible Middle East peace stands, but only under the auspices of the United Nations.

"If everybody ganged up and really imposed it, it might have an effect, for there is no doubt that the life of every country today depends on energy," he said.

The Shah said he had not decided whether to push for an OPEC oil price increase at the end of the year and wanted to consult other OPEC members, especially Saudi Arabia, about the matter.

U.S. begins drive to get Cyprus talks going again

WASHINGTON, May 24 (R). — The Carter administration has begun a drive to get the Greek and Turkish Cypriots negotiating again and to persuade Congress to lift the U.S. arms embargo on Turkey.

Congress is due shortly to debate President Carter's proposal to lift the arms embargo imposed on Turkey after it invaded Cyprus in 1974 using American arms.

Resumption of Cyprus peace talks would ease the concern of many Congress members over Turkish intentions.

The Turkish side has held 36 per cent of the island since the 1974 fighting against a Turkish-Cypriot population of 20 per cent. Turkish-Cypriot proposals in April offered a five per cent pullback while the Greek-Cypriot side has demanded the area be reduced to 20 per cent.

The State Department opened the campaign yesterday by saying it welcomed proposals from Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash on ending the Cyprus dispute as constructive and forthcoming.

A statement on the proposals had been issued the previous day after Mr. Denktash had talks with U.S. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim but was largely ignored by the United States press.

State Department Spokesman Tom Reston yesterday told reporters Mr. Denktash had made new proposals over those made on April 13 which were less than the Greek Cypriot side were demanding and State Department officials later described Mr. Reston's remarks as an overstatement.

Today Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will meet Mr. Denktash in the first of a series of talks between Mr. Vance and the parties involved in the Cyprus dispute.

Mr. Vance will see Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou in New York tomorrow.

Next week Turkey will chair a NATO summit in Washington where Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit's opening remarks are likely to concern lifting the embargo.

Mr. Ecevit arrives in Brussels today to discuss with NATO leaders Turkey's rule in the Atlantic alliance and to drum up support for lifting the U.S. arms embargo.

Princess Margaret, Lord Snowdon are divorced

The decree was granted by Judge John Willis, a circuit judge who normally sits in lower civil courts and who is empowered to act as a divorce judge in non-controversial cases.

Mr. Willis, 71, arrived at his court promptly at 10:30 a.m. and by 10:32 a.m. it was all over and the judge continued with his other routine court business.

Only a handful of spectators, outnumbered by journalists, were in court to hear the Decree nisi handed down.

A Decree nisi is the first step in Britain's two-tier divorce system. It means the decree is granted -- unless something turns up to overturn it. After six weeks the decree is automatically made "absolute" and both partners are then free to re-marry.

The princess announced May 10 that she would divorce Lord Snowdon.

Tremors rock northern Greece

SALONICA, Greece, May 24 (R). — Two people were injured and more than 300 houses were damaged in east and central Macedonia in three tremors early today, police said here.

The tremors measured 5.75 on the Richter scale.

Thousands of people spent the night in parks and squares after they rushed out of their houses.

Athens Observatory said the epicentre of the tremors was 300 kms. north of Athens. They were felt in the Salonic, Chalcidice Peninsula, Kilkis, and Kavala areas.

Mafia boss dies

NEWBURGH, New York, May 24 (R). — Joseph Colombo, a reputed mafia godfather who barely survived an assassination attempt seven years ago, died of a heart attack last night at the age of 54.

A medical spokesman said yesterday that Colombo, founder of the Italian-American Civil Rights League, was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh on May 6 in a semi-comatose condition.

His doctor said he died the re after long-term complications as a result of the 1971 shooting, although the immediate cause of death was cardiac arrest.

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Sadat is named Statesman of the Year

UNITED NATIONS, May 24 (R). — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, yesterday, was named Statesman of the Year by the Diplomatic World Bulletin, a newspaper circulating within the United Nations community.

"By his bold and fearless international actions, President Sadat has performed a service which has brought the nations of the Middle East closer to permanent peace," the paper said in a front-page article.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim was named Diplomat of the Year, and President Carter was honoured as Humanitarian of the Year for "keeping super-power watch over the oppressed people of the world."

Calling Mr. Waldheim "the man with his finger in the dike," Diplomatic World Bulletin said he had proved to be a catalyst between the power blocs.

Soviet police seize gunman

MOSCOW, May 24 (R). — Soviet police today fought a gunbattle in central Moscow with a hooded man who took two hostages in the Finnish Airline office and demanded a plane to take him abroad.

The man, whose nationality was not immediately known, fired several shots through the window of the street-level office during the 95-minute siege before he was seized and driven away.

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